



## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 23-002

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## MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR JOHN (JACK) TAYLOR.

WHEREAS, John (Jack) W. Taylor, the former Senator, departed this life on April 22, 2020, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor was born in Chicago, Illinois, on November 22, 1935, to Harvey and Pauline Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor grew up on a farm in Auburn, Iowa, with his brother Robert before attending Iowa State University; and

WHEREAS, In college, Senator Taylor was in the Navy ROTC program and played baseball, in which he excelled, being named All Conference at second base and playing for the 1957 Iowa State University varsity baseball team that won the Big 7 Conference Championship and placed third in the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, After college, Senator Taylor joined the Navy and served

on an icebreaker ship that participated in the International Geophysical Year operation in Antarctica, an international scientific project that lasted from July 1, 1957, to December 31, 1958; and

WHEREAS, After serving in the Navy, Senator Taylor moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he worked for Boeing Aerospace on the Apollo Moon Landing Project; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor also spent time in Kuwait, helping to build and staff the country's first oil refinery before moving to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in 1969, where he established a real estate business and became a partner in a small coal mining operation at Mount Harris; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Steamboat Springs, Senator Taylor met his wife, Geneva, whom he married in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor and Geneva had one daughter, Vicki, and two grandchildren, Brianna and Dakin; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor served on several boards and commissions, including the Soda Creek Ditch Board, before running for the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Senator Taylor was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, where he served from 1993 to 2000, followed by an eight-year term in the Colorado Senate from 2001 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor was a well-respected and well-liked statesman whose legislative career focused on support for the military, wildlife, water, and telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor sponsored 252 bills, memorials, and resolutions in his 16 years in the legislature, 201 of which were enacted, including bills on voting, tuition assistance for the National Guard, petroleum storage tanks, creation of the Colorado tourism office, waste tire recycling, and enterprise zones, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor served on the Agriculture and Business committees in both the House and the Senate and was a member of the

Legislative Audit Committee for 12 years; he also served on joint Water committees for 10 years, the joint Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Reform Commission for five years, and several interim committees throughout his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor felt strongly that it was important to fight for Western Slope water, vowing to protect water rights and property rights; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor was also instrumental in providing better telecommunications access in northwest Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor also loved working irrigation ditches in his neighborhood and mowing the neighborhood Strawberry Park roads and some neighbors' driveways with his John Deere tractor; and

WHEREAS, After serving in the General Assembly, one of Senator Taylor's main activities was participating in the Republican Party, chairing the Routt County Republican Party twice and partnering with his wife, Geneva, to chair various Republican campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Senator Taylor and Geneva were a team, two community leaders who complemented each other and were very strong supporters of the community; and

WHEREAS, Geneva survived Senator Taylor, but passed away just six months later on October 15, 2020; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

That, in the death of Senator Jack Taylor, the people of the state of Colorado have lost a devoted public servant and an outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly, pay tribute to Jack Taylor for his years of dedicated public service and do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Joint Memorial be sent to Senator Taylor's daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Trent Bushner of

Yuma, Colorado; his granddaughter, Brianna Klammer; his grandson, Dakin Bushner; and his brother, Robert Taylor of Houston, Texas.

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